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A 16th Communications Squadron NCO, takes her post at the 55th Presidential Inauguration of U.S. President George Bush. Sergeant Cormier was one of two members from the 16th CS designated to cover the prestigious event.

Multimedia Airmen fulfill honorable duty, record history at presidential inauguration

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan Public Affairs

It's not everyday that someone gets the chance to be within 100 feet of the president of the United States, yet still feel so far away.

Tech. Sgt. Wendy Cormier and Staff Sgt. Holly Wangelin, both with the 16th Communications Squadron, had the unique opportunity to attend the 55th Presidential Inauguration and record a part of

"We didn't get to talk to the president, but Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld did come by," said Sergeant Cormier. "He said some real nice things about our participation in the ceremony. We were real happy he took the time to talk with us."

"Being able to see the president and first lady in a less formal atmosphere-when I attended the Democracy Ball-was very exciting," said Sergeant Wangelin. "I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to witness history first hand. There aren't many people that can say that."

Overall, the event went smoothly. The media's involvement was more than expected, and the news platform was a two-by-four foot area shared by a photographer and videographer, said Sergeant Cormier. Right below their position was Fox News, who was asked to move some auxiliary lights in order for a better view.

"At the time, if I allowed myself to think about the moment, I started to get a lump in my throat," said Sergeant Cormier. "I just concentrated on the task at hand and on getting a good picture.

"It was a big commitment and I'd like others to have the opportunity," she added.

"Being part of the inauguration makes you realize

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Base tax center provides free service

Bv Vanessa Adame Public Affairs

It's that time of the year again: time to line up to file your income tax.

Here at Hurlburt Field, the tax center has been established to assist active-duty members, their dependents and other individuals with military identification to file their taxes for free.

Service members are encouraged to make their appointments now.

Legal center officials advise customers to bring in all W-2 forms, social security verification, bank account routing numbers and if possible, last year's tax filings. For those spouses are currently deployed, a power of attorney will also be necessary.

Officials are also asking for volunteers to help at the tax center, with an approximate four hours of work daily. The base tax center is open now and will remain operational until

The tax center hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday, the tax center will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 6 p.m.

For those who don't have appointments set, the only walk-in day is Wednesday.

The tax center is located at 304 Terry Avenue in Building 90137.

or for more information. call the tax center at 884-7542.

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Weather forecast

Today Showers; High 60, Low 48 Saturday Showers; High 60 Low 48 Sunday Partly cloudy; High 65, Low50

I really appreciate your feedback. To receive a response, call 884-OPEN (6736) or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil. Be sure to include your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the COMMANDO. I'll answer the others by letter or a phone call.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their



O.G. Mannon





Honoring retreat

Members of the 16th Security Forces Squadron (left) lower the U.S. flag during retreat. A civilian contractor (above) pauses briefly during retreat to pay respect to the flag recently.

Teamwork is key to producing winning results

By Senior Master Sgt. Devery Andrews 16th Component Maintenance Squadron

I vividly remember sitting anxiously on the edge of my seat in a crowded aircraft hangar at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., as officials were preparing to announce the winner of the best C-130 Airlift Wing during the 2000 Airlift Rodeo competition. The suspense reached an almost unbearable level before the 43rd Airlift Wing was declared the best of the best.

I felt an immense rush of emotion as I jumped out of my seat and hugged my teammates. Tears of joy filled our eyes as we realized that we were the best out of 70 of the world's most accomplished teams.

As I reflect on this accomplishment, I know our success was due to a total team effort. Our team displayed the highest degree of trust, ethical behavior and cooperation—those traits required by a healthy team. In military daily operations, the importance of teamwork can't be ignored.

In almost all endeavors, teams are stronger and more effective than individuals. Together they learn and accomplish more than they would individually. You may have heard the saying "there is no 'I' in teamwork." That really holds true.

Trust is at the center of a team and is essential because it holds all the other pieces together. I recently attended a dining-in ceremony where Master Sgt. Harry Ingalls, a former colleague at a senior NCO academy, spoke of the importance of trust and how it's been a catalyst throughout military history.

He said, "If trust falters, team members won't have the confidence in each other and will most likely fail."

The team members whom I served with during Airlift Rodeo competition knew the importance of trust, and it molded us into an unstoppable force. Sergeant Ingalls mentioned the value and importance of ethical behavior in building an effective, cohesive team.

Teamwork may falter if a team focuses on the need to win at any cost. Their behavior could become unethical or immoral leading to a decrease in trust among team members. My team wanted to win, but it wasn't our primary focus. We helped one another practice the upmost professionalism at all times. This led to open communication, increased trust, and esprit de corps. Unethical behavior can ruin team spirit and shatter trust, which may ultimately lead to a team's demise. If a team has strong trust and ethical behavior, cooperation between members can help a team get to where it needs to be faster and more efficiently.

Cooperation between teammates can make everyone's job easier and also make it fun. In the Air Force, there's a group of diverse people from all walks of life. Nothing is more challenging than getting these people to work together, to share ideas, strengths and weaknesses. Although it can be difficult at times, nothing is as rewarding as when people work together to work toward a common goal.

Teamwork that includes trust and ethical behavior will ensure everyone's a winner.

Restriction lifted: In conjunction with the actions by the 96th Air Bombardment Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Col. Tim Hale, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, has lifted the off-limits restriction on Nipa Hut (formerly Two Coconuts Sports Bar Lounge, and Paradise Café and Lounge), located at 724 Eglin Parkway NE. Effective immediately, Hurlburt Field military members are no longer barred from patronizing this establishment.

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DUI Tracker

Jan. 21-27: 0 DUIs This year: 3 DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, Jan. 17

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Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Jan. 27.

Air Force Assistance Fund kicks off Feb. 14

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs from Feb. 14 to May 6.

Program officials invite Airmen to contribute to any of the Air Force's four official charitable organizations. The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired service members, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive, where the four charities receive all the designated contributions.

"The need for assistance remains strong," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. "Last year, the Air Force Aid Society helped more than 30,000 Airmen with \$21.1 million in assistance — that's a lot of help."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper recently announced a \$5.4 million goal. Last year, Airmen gave \$6.7 million to the fund.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the following charities:

The Air Force Aid Society

AFAS provides Airmen and their families worldwide emer-

gency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs. Information is available online at www.afas.org.

The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund

The Air Force Enlisted Village, located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted Airmen 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund

Air Force Village is a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. Visit www.airforcevillages.com for more information.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation

The foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted Airmen in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemayfoundation.org.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax-deductible. For more information, visit afassistancefund.org or go online to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund. Installation project officers have information on local procedures and goals. (AFPN)

Base plants 'Christmas' tree in recognition of Arbor Day

By Amy Oliver Public Affairs

From now on, the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place at the Community Park.

That's where the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron's Ground Maintenance and Heavy Horizontal Shops planted a 20-foot Leyland cypress, Jan. 21.

The tree, transplanted from Bouvier Farms in Baker, Fla., was chosen for its hardiness and fast growth, and is expected to reach a maximum height of 50 feet within the next decade.

The living Christmas tree was planted on Arbor Day, and the ceremony fulfilled one of the four criteria Hurlburt Field needed to qualify for the 2005 Tree City USA award.

"This award is an honor bestowed by the National Arbor Day Foundation and U.S. Forest Service," said Philip Pruitt, Hurlburt Field's Natural Resources manager. "It recognizes communities that exhibit good management of their urban forest resources. Hurlburt has received the Tree City USA Award every year since 1994."

Arbor Day was established in Nebraska in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a pioneer and nature enthusiast from Detroit, Mich., who was disenchanted by the lack of trees on his new homestead.

His simple idea of setting aside one day a year to plant a tree has spread throughout the United States and abroad. National Arbor Day is held the last Friday in April, but many states celebrate it on dates more conducive to tree planting in each respective region. Florida observes Arbor Day on the third Friday in January.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Ebony Pierre

Jan. 21.

In addition to planting the living Christmas tree on Arbor Day, Hurlburt Field has a policy that requires the base to replace each tree removed with three trees.

"Hurlburt lost several thousand trees to Hurricane Ivan," said Mr. Pruitt. "Being close to the coast and vulnerable to tropical storms makes it even more incumbent upon us to protect and preserve our urban forest and to replace trees that are damaged or destroyed."

"Hurlburt has always been proud stewards of the environment," said Col. Tim Hale, vice commander of the 16th Special Operations Wing. "It's programs such as this and awards we've continued to win that attest to the fact that we go above and beyond to protect it."

Base plans to reroute main gate incoming traffic

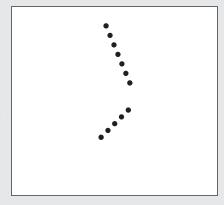
In an attempt to alleviate traffic congestion on U.S. Highway 98, base officials will establish a new traffic route for motorists using the main gate.

From 6 to 8 a.m. Monday, security forces will create an additional inbound lane with traffic cones (represented in the photo at right as black dots) using one of the existing outbound lanes.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, the left turn lane from Navarre onto Hurlburt Field will be reserved for motorists who will not require temporary passes.

Security forces members will help direct traffic from Cody Avenue and U.S. Highway 98 and Independence and Cody Avenues.

Your patience is appreciated during this transition. For more information, call police services at 884-6185.



Spotlight

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Master Sgt. Darryl Wilson

Organization/Duty title: 505th Training Squadron; superintendent, Standardization and Evaluation Flight

Hometown: Dayton, hio

Hobbies: Cooking, golfing

Contribution to the mission: Sergeant Wilson plays a vital role in the 505th TRS ensuring unit personnel accomplish its mission by meeting Community College of the Air Force requirements.

He designed a CCAF-accredited course to train instructors in house, saving the unit thousands of dollars. Sergeant Wilson also teaches the course that he developed. His position to certify instructors ensures they maintain strict CCAF academic standards.

His dedication extends beyond the unit, as demonstrated by his volunteer work cleaning up the base after Hurricane Ivan.

(Editor's note: The COMMANDO highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job and should receive day-today recognition. For more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column, supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464.)

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Greeting flu season 'nose on'

FluMist available to all Hurlburt Field personnel

FluMist, the intranasal flu vaccination, remains available to Department of Defense beneficiaries after low demand and growing supplies of the vaccination prompted health officials to relax restrictions on the vaccine.

Vaccination efforts for the total force will continue until supplies are unavailable or until the total force is vaccinated.

Hurlburt Field military units/personnel without designated appointment times are

encouraged to report on one of the following dates to receive the FluMist vaccine.

Today: 1-4 p.m., Deployment control center

Monday: 7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., DCC Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., 823rd RED HORSE Squadron auditorium

Feb. 4: 7-11 a.m., 823rd RHS auditorium For more information, call Capt. Derec Hudson at 881-5625.

From hard copy to printout

Civilian LES soon available in electronic format

Courtesy of the Civilian Personnel Flight

The Air Force intends to implement electronic distribution of Leave and Earning Statements and W-2 forms through the myPay system by the first pay period after March 31, for civilian appropriated fund employees. The 16th Comptroller Squadron said six kiosks will be installed around the base with access to myPay.

Tentative plans are to have one at Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, one at the 505th Command and Control Wing, one in the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, one in the 16th Helicopter Squadron, and two other yet to be determined locations.

Additionally, computers are available in the library and the 16th CPTS customer service lobby that can be used to access myPay. This initiative should be beneficial to employees, allowing them to conduct pay transactions in a secure electronic environment, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from any location – work, home or a

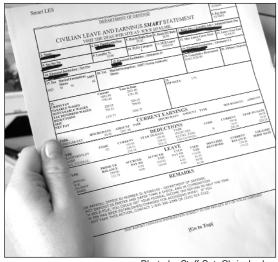


Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan

temporary duty assignment.

Customers will be able to view, print and save payroll documents, update address changes and changes to their Thrift Savings Plan accounts. For more information, call the 16th CPTS at 884-4058.

ID expiration dates are yesterday's news

Indefinite ID cards soon available for family members ages 75 and older

Military retirees already receive identification cards with no expiration dates; but, renewing ID cards upon expiration has been a continuing requirement for family members.

Congress passed legislation with the fiscal year 2005 National Defense Authorization Act to authorize the services to issue ID cards without an established expiration date to those depend-

ents and survivors of military retirees who are 75 years of age. Those to which this applies should note, however, that although the law is in place, the capability to issue the indefinite card to the eligible population is being worked into the next software release which isn't expected until summer 2005.

Until the capability to issue the indefinite cards is brought on line, these individuals must continue to renew their ID cards upon expiration; by visiting an issuing facility or by the mail-in renewal process if they qualify to use it.

In the past, many Medi-

care-eligible family members simply let their ID cards expire if they were no where near an installation to use the shopping privileges. But, since enactment of TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy coverage several years ago, older family members who have Medicare A & B now have a medical benefit and must have a current ID card to use the benefits.

This summer, check with your local ID card issuing facility or look for an update in the Air Force Retiree News Service concerning the status of the issuance capability for the over-75 ID card population.

Operation Homecoming submission guidelines

All Operation Homecoming submissions written by 16th Special Operations
Wing assigned military personnel will be forwarded to the 16th SOW Public Affairs Office for the purpose of conducting a security review prior to being submitted to the National Endowment of Arts for publication consideration.

Air Force Special Operations Command and 720th Special Tactics Group assigned personnel will direct all submissions to the AFSOC Public Affairs Office. Doing so will prevent the release of classified and/or sensitive information, while allowing our stories to be told.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Capt. Tom Knowles, 16th SOW/PA, at 884-7464 or Capt. Denise Boyd, AFSOC/PA, at 884-5515.

Air Force golf courses now offer state-of-the-art golf shaft alignment

As part of their full-spectrum service, 19 Air Force golf courses will now offer SST PURE, the sophisticated shaft-alignment system embraced by serious golfers around the country and licensed by Strategic Shaft Technologies of Miami.

"Our testing has shown that the SST PURE process improves consistency and performance no matter what level of golf you play," said Dick Weiss, SST PURE creator and clubmaker.

The patented SST PURE process of club assembly – deemed in compliance with U.S. Golf Association standards – locates each shaft's irregularities and aligns the shaft to neutralize them, so each club bends in the direction it should – straight down the target line.

Using proprietary computer software and sensitive data-acquisition sensors, the SST PURE shaft alignment process analyzes the structural irregularities that exist to some degree in every golf shaft and locates the shaft's most stable orientation. By assembling the club with the shaft in its PURE orientation, off-line bending and twisting of the shaft are minimized and impact repeatability on the center of the clubface by the golfer improves up to 51 percent. The process can be performed on existing clubs, new clubs or new shafts – steel or graphite – from most major manufacturers.

The service is available to all authorized patrons through the centrally located licensed PUREing center, located at Gator Lakes Golf Club. Clubs are shipped from participating courses to Hurlburt Field, where they are PUREd and returned within one week.

A computerized printout showing the before and after alignment is provided for each club PUREd. Participating base courses include: Hurlburt Field, Nellis, Langley, Shaw, Keesler, Sheppard, Eglin, Robins, Kirtland, Hill, Patrick, Onizuka, McChord, Charleston, Travis, MacDill, Misawa, Air Force Academy and RAF Lakenheath.

The fee for each club aligned is \$40 plus shipping. For more information, contact the participating course nearest you or call the Gator Lakes Golf Club at 881-2251.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Gruenwald President George Bush, is sworn in for a second term during the 55th Presidential Inauguration.

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what a tremendous part the military plays in this event," said Sergeant Wangelin. "I was down with the Marine Band and had a great view of the ceremony, and of the behind the scenes activity."

"There is a great sense of accomplishment as the president spoke of how proud he was of the military and the job we do," said Sergeant Wangelin. "If given the chance, I would participate in this event again."

Along with the Democracy Ball, they went to the Stars and Stripes and Liberty Balls at the Convention Center for some video. "We got to see some famous people and watch the on-air news personalities," said Sergeant Cormier.



LOOK RIGHT

LOOKLEFT

For information about Sentinels of Freedom, the base motorcycle club call 884-5008.

'Proclaiming the Vision:

Purpose Driven Family, Community'

The following events will be held here in February to observe African American/Black History Month:

Feb. 1

Readings at the child development center's School Age Program, 7 a.m.

Kickoff Luncheon at the Soundside club, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Feb. 2

Reading at the CDC, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 4

Characters in Costume at SAP, 7

Hip-Hop Discussion at the youth

center, 4 p.m.

Feb. 8

Readings at SAP, 7 a.m.

Feb. 9

Readings at the CDC, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 1

Arts and Crafts at SAP, 7 a.m.

Issues for Today's Teens at the youth center, 4 p.m.

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"The Event" at J.R. Rockers, 7 p.m.

Feb. 15

Readings at SAP, 7 a.m.

Feb. 16

Readings at the CDC, 2:30 p.m. *Feb.* 18

Cooking activity at SAP, 7 a.m.

"What the Niagara Movement Started" at the youth center, 4 p.m.

Feb. 19

"The People's Fair" at the base chapel, 11 a.m.

Heritage trip to New Orleans (Eglin Air Force Base)

Feb. 20

"Blacks in Government" Dinner at the Soundside club, 5 p.m. The speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Nathaniel Crawford, Jr.

Feb. 22

Readings at SAP, 7 a.m.

Feb. 23

Readings at the CDC, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 25

Games at SAP, 7 a.m.

History of Chanting at the youth center, 4 p.m.

Feb. 26

"Heritage Banquet" at the Eglin AFB NCO club, 6 p.m.

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Gospel Extravaganza at Eglin AFB For more information, call 884-6844.



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Otis Boykin invented the electronic control device for guided missiles, IBM computers and the pacemaker.



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Super Bowl for deployed troops

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq-Troops deployed in combat zones will see the Super Bowl live on the American Forces Network Feb. 6.

In fact, one of the questions Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld got during a news conference in Kuwait was whether troops would see the Super Bowl.

"American Forces Network is pleased to broadcast the Super Bowl live to everyone in the world on the AFN Prime Service...and on our AFN Sports Service," said Larry Sichter, the chief of affiliate relations.

"We normally carry it on the prime channels and counterprogram on the sports channels," he said. "But this year, primarily because of the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, we're going to be broadcasting the game and pre-game (show) on AFN Sports."

Sailors on ships at sea will also be able to watch the game through the Navy's Direct Sailor Service.

Football junkies will get 13 and a half hours of Fox network Super Bowl programming. And for those who still haven't gotten enough or were on duty, AFN will rebroadcast the game the next

broadcast won't include the commercials - an aspect of the game that many people actually enjoy. The affiliates will insert public service announcements and some of the 33 affiliates will broadcast messages to the

"We're trying to get some command messages out," said Lt. Col. Doug Smith, AFN-Iraq commander.

Service members who don't want to watch football also are covered. In the past year, AFN has launched two new services — AFN-Family and AFN-Movies - that won't carry the game.

American Forces Radio and Television Service officials said there are a total of 7,978 decoders in the area.

(AFPN)

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Tap out

Seminar prepares members for military separation, retirement

By Charlie Ray 16th MSS

The Transition Assistance Program seminars benefit service members who are separating from the military and re-entering into civilian life.

TAP will assist members in résumé writing, job interview techniques, networking, coping with stress and searching for a job.

Time spent in TAP more effectively delivers, in a consolidated manner, the important separation counseling and transition awareness information needed.

Retiring military members may attend TAP two years prior to leaving the service; separating military members may attend one year prior to separation.

To schedule a pre-TAP seminar, contact the separations/retirement section of the military personnel flight.

Upon completion, members will be scheduled for a TAP seminar.

For more information, call 884-6281.

The following is the 2005 TAP seminar schedule:

- Tuesday Thursday
- Feb. 15-17
- March 1-3, 15-17
- April 5-7, 19-21
- May 3-5, 17-19
- June 7-9, 21-23
- India 10 14
- July 12-14
- Aug. 9-11, 23-25
- Sept. 6-8, 20-22
- Oct. 4-6, 18-20
- Nov. 1-3, 15-17
- Dec. 6-8

AF snapshot: Officials release quarterly demographics

The following are some of the quarterly Air Force demographics for October – December 2004:

Overall

There are 365,377 individuals on active duty (73,451 officers and 291,926 enlisted personnel)

The Air Force has 13,754 pilots, 4,594 navigators, 1,299 air battle managers and 36,684 non-rated line officers in the grades of lieutenant colonel and below

Age

The average age of the officer force is 35; for the enlisted force it's 29

Of the force, 40.6 percent are below the age of 26 (47.5 percent of enlisted are below 26 versus 13.4 percent of officers)

Sex

19.6 percent of the force are women

Race

The following percentages cover self-reported Air Force military members' racial information:

- .5 percent reported their race to be American Indian or Alaska Native
- 2 percent reported their race to be Asian
- 15.2 percent reported their race to be Black or African American

- .5 percent reported their race to be Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 75 percent reported their race to be White
- 1 percent reported their race to be more than one of the categories
 - 5.7 percent declined to report their race *Overseas*
- 21.1 percent of the current force is assigned overseas, including Alaska and Hawaii (10,965 officers; 66,225 enlisted personnel)

Marital Status

■ 59.5 percent of the current force is married (71.2 percent of the officers; 56.6 percent of the enlisted)

There are 20,975 couples in the Air Force with both spouses in the military (1,463 are married to members of other military services)

Family Members

Active-duty members supported 549,907 family members (442,358 are family-members-in-household)

Total Civilian Strength

There are 141,326 civilian employees (75.7 percent are "white collar"; 24.3 percent are "blue collar")

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February is National Children's **Dental Health Month**

Dental agencies nationwide promote children's dental health in February, stressing the importance of good oral hygiene and prevention of oral diseases.

In recognition of the month, members from the 16th Medical Operations Squadron's Dental Services Flight plan to visit several Hurlburt Field groups to teach children about oral health.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday: Moms, Pops and Tots, 10:30 a.m., base chapel Feb. 8: Before & After School Program, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 14-17: Child development center, 9 to 11 a.m.

Feb. 24: Story hour, 10:30 to 11a.m., base library

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Week in History

Jan. 23, 1918 - The Allied Expeditionary Force made the first American military balloon ascension.

Jan. 24, 1946 - Gen. Carl Spaatz is named the first Chief of Staff of the Army Air Forces.

Jan. 25, 1949 - The U.S. Air Force adopted a slateblue uniform.

Jan. 26, 1946 - Col. W. Council flying a P-80 set a new cross-country record of 4 hours, 13 minutes and 23 seconds.

Jan. 27, 1939 - XP-38 made its first flight.

Jan. 27, 1957 - The last operational P-51 fighter was retired to the Air Force museum.

Jan. 27, 1991 - Coalition aircraft attain air supremacy in the Gulf War after 10 days of aerial combat.

Jan. 28, 1984 - The first F-16 Fighting Falcon was accepted by the U.S. Air Force Reserve at Hill Air Force Base.



President thanks veterans for service during inaugural ball

By Army Sqt. 1st Class Doug Sample American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - President George Bush and first lady Laura Bush were greeted with resounding cheers as they made the first stop of their whirlwind tour of inaugural galas here Jan 20.

At the "Salute to Heroes" inaugural ball, hundreds of veterans from across the country, along with their wives and families, greeted the president with a resounding show of support.

Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, stopped in later as they made their way through the inaugural circuit.

Kenneth Stumpf, one of many Medal of Honor recipients who endured tight security inside the hotel to see the president, was particularly happy to be there.

"I spent my entire life in the military, so whoever was the president, that was my commander-in-chief," he said. "It just so happens I really like this one."

The American Legion sponsors the ball, which recognizes recipients of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award. The event started in 1953 for President Dwight Eisenhower's first inauguration.

Event co-sponsors include 13 other veterans service organizations.

With applause and cheers often interrupting his comments, the president used his brief appearance to thank veterans for their service.

"They have set a fantastic example for those who wear the uniform today," he said. "Our veterans who have served all across the world in the cause of freedom, they have done so in a selfless way and for that, this nation is eternally grateful."

The president also used the occasion to reiterate points made during his inaugural address, speaking on the importance of freedom and saying that United States will succeed in bringing democracy to Iraq.

"We believe in freedom, and we know that free societies will be peaceful societies," the president said.

He also said that by ending tyranny, the United States "will have fulfilled the obligations of our founding fathers who recognized that every man and woman on the face of the earth should be free."

With the Joint Chiefs of Staff seated on each side of the podium, the president acknowledged the difficulties being placed on the military.

"We've asked hard things of our troops and the families of our troops," he said. But, he cited the progress made in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Think about what has happened in a very short period of time," he said. "The people of Afghanistan have been liberated by our troops, and our friends, the Afghans, went to the polls by the millions for the first time in 5,000 years," he said. "Very shortly, because of the great work of our military, and the military of our friends, the people of Iraq will be voting. This is a major achievement, and it's a major milestone in the advance of liberty."

The president admitted that bringing liberty to Iraq "has not been easy," but "it's going to happen," he said. "And when it does, our military, and those of us who have been fortunate enough to be involved with our military, will be able to look back and say we did our duty, we did our duty for freedom, and we did our duty for generations of Americans to come."

Know your chain of command



President George Bush



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld



Acting Secretary of the Air Force Peter Teets



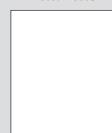
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Orientation course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all Special Operations personnel to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Monday through Feb. 4. The course provides non-technical education on the cultural, historical, political, economical, social, religious and security dynamics of the Asia-Pacific region. Course registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Monday. For more information, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858 or visit https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association, Chapter 44 and Auxiliary 248 are holding its monthly meeting Saturday at 6 p.m. in the J.R. Rockers Destination Room. Topics to be discussed include upcoming base/community events, the chapter's focus and general membership issues. The chapter is also undergoing a chapter recall for all past and local area members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-2695 or Master Sgt. Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

Overseas assignments

The next overseas EQUAL listing will be available Tuesday for assignments with report no later than dates of October/November/December 2005. Base of preference requests can be updated until Feb. 17. The assignment list will be released to the public March 15.

Awards banquet

In honor of military traditions, Hurlburt Field provides special recognition to individuals whose superior duty performance, dedication and efforts have led them to become top-notch professional military leaders. The 2004 Annual Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through unit first sergeants.

Dress for military is semi-formal or mess dress, and civilians should wear coat and tie attire. No hats or nametags are needed; women must wear skirts – not slacks. People are asked to reference *AFI 36-2903*, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

Palace chase, front

The Air National Guard is accepting palace chase applications for members who are interested. Members completing their initial active-duty obligation can apply under palace front. As a member of the Air Guard, members continue to receive many of the active-duty benefits. For more information, call Master Sgt. William Andujar at 884-2729 or visit the ANG In-Service Recruiting Office on the first floor in Building 90210.

Enlisted aide openings

The Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is soliciting enthusiastic, mature and professional applicants with a solid record of performance, right attitude, interpersonal and culi-

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nary skills to fill future enlisted aide openings at many locations around the Air Force. To apply, visit https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmoea/index/htm. Assignment listings are also available on the Air Force Personnel Center's homepage under special duty links. Applications are currently being accepted until Monday. The following are report-no-later-than dates for potential future openings:

Osan Air Base, ROK – March 31 Ramstein AB, Germany – March 31

Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. – To be determined

Second-term Airmen (senior airman through master sergeant) are eligible to apply. As a minimum, the package should contain: legible copies of your last five enlisted performance reports; a resume; two, full-length 8 X 10 inch photographs in service dress; recommendation letters from your unit commander and wing command chief master sergeant.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Murdock or Master Sgt. Carpenter at DSN 664-8136. Packages should be prepared in accordance with *AFI 36-2123, Management of Enlisted Aides*, and mailed to:

AFLSMO 2221 S. Clark St. Crystal Plaza 6, Ste. 500 Arlington, VA 22202

Community

HSC auction

The Hurlburt Spouses' Club invites all military and Department of Defense civilian identification cardholders and their guest to attend an auction of fine art Feb. 11 at the Soundside Club. Viewings will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres, tea and coffee at 6 p.m. The auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. For reservations, call Karin Heaton by Feb. 7 at 515-0371 or e-mail MH60heater@aol.com.

SAME scholarships

The Society of American Military Engineers Emerald Coast Post will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to students interested in studying engineering or architecture. Scholarships are open to high school seniors and college students, who are interested – or are currently studying – related career fields in engineering or architecture. Students must be residents of Okaloosa, Santa Rosa or Walton counties.

Application deadline is March 31. For more information and an application form, visit http://posts.same.org/emerald/or call Capt. Rick Dwyer at 884-3159.

Super Bowl XXXIX party

The J.R. Rockers Super Bowl XXXIX Party will begin Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. The party will include a variety of food, beverages, free giveaways and an appearance by the "Miller Lite Girls."

Club members may purchase an armband for \$10 to enjoy any of the food and tap beverages offered from 11 a.m. to the end of the game. Members with armbands are also invited to a Patio Tailgate Party from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the

deck at J.R. Rockers. The party will begin inside until after the kick off of the game.

Club members are eligible to win an X-box game system at halftime and a "Miller kayak" at the end of the game. For more information, call 884-6469.

Claims

Anyone with a claim for or against the estate of Master Sgt. Roderick Madison, 16th Special Operations Squadron, should call Capt. Clark Mabry at 884-5527 or 377-9727.

LRS inbox

To better serve the Air Force Special Operations Command community, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service has a centralized e-mail inbox at 16lrs.customer@hurlburt.af.mil. Customers can e-mail requests, such as stock-number loads, backorders, complaints and customer feedback. If you have an Air Mobility Unit assigned to your squadron, contact your respective AMU contact personnel. For more information, call 16th LRS Customer Service at 884-7862.

Valentine s Day carnations

The Dining Out committee will be selling carnations for \$2. See any group or squadron POC before Feb. 11 to sign up. The dining-out committee will deliver the carnations and a personalized message to your Valentine Feb. 14. For more information, call 1st Lt. Shannon Ouder at 884-3823 or Master Sgt. Tonya Sasser at 884-2732.

Pool hours

The dome is up at the base swimming pool, and winter hours are in effect as follows:

Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Mondays for cleaning.

Lap swim: Six lanes – Tuesday through Friday, noon to 2 p.m.; four lanes – 2 to 4 p.m. Lanes available upon request Saturdays and Sundays. Active-duty members have priority to meet fitness requirements.

Open swim: Tuesday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m.; all day Saturdays and Sundays For more information, call 884-6866.

Home seminar

The Hurlburt Field Housing Office will hold a Home Buying/Selling Seminar Monday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the family support center. Topics of discussion include: pre-qualifying, how to finance your purchase, tips on selling and home inspections. Seating is limited; call 884-7505, ext. 100 for reservations.

Volunteer

Women s History Month

The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting events for Women's History Month, which is held throughout March. All positions will need to be filled, including chairperson, vice chairperson and treasurer. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-2631.

Student mentors

The Holley-Navarre Middle School is looking for mentors to meet with students once a week for a minimum of one hour. The first 45 minutes is used for homework/make-up work, projects or basic tutoring. Meetings begin at 2:15 and end no later than 3:30 p.m. Holley-Navarre Middle School will conduct an orientation for all volunteers (time/date to be announced). The volunteer deadline is Feb. 1. To volunteer or for more information, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Faber at stephanie.faber@hurlburt.af.mil.

Tax representatives

The base tax center is looking for volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Volunteers should

plan on working four hours each week preparing taxes Monday through April 15. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Amanda Fekete at 884-6119.

Cultural Diversity Day

Children's Services Center is currently recruiting volunteers to help after-school programs in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Feb. 4 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Five to eight volunteers are needed to work with kindergarten through second graders at Holley Navarre Primary's after school program. To volunteer, call Terri Harshman at 884-5441. For more information about the event, call Joy Tsubooka at 595-5937.

Classes

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center. For more information, call 884-4292.

Eating Heart Healthy – Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program Follow Up – Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Total Fitness Enhancement – Wednesday, 10

Lean On Me – Wednesday, 11 a.m. Fitness 101 – Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Lean and Healthy Eating – Wednesday, 3 p.m.

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Catholic Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m. Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m. by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday Religious Education: September - May Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship) 11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship) Religious Education: August – May Youth and Singles groups available Jewish Services (882-2111) Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin

Chapel Center Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin

Chapel Center

For more information, call 884-7795





Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

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Eglin Air Force Base Friday and Sunday Lemony Snickets (PG) Saturday Spanglish (PG-13)

for up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066. For movie information, visit http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm.

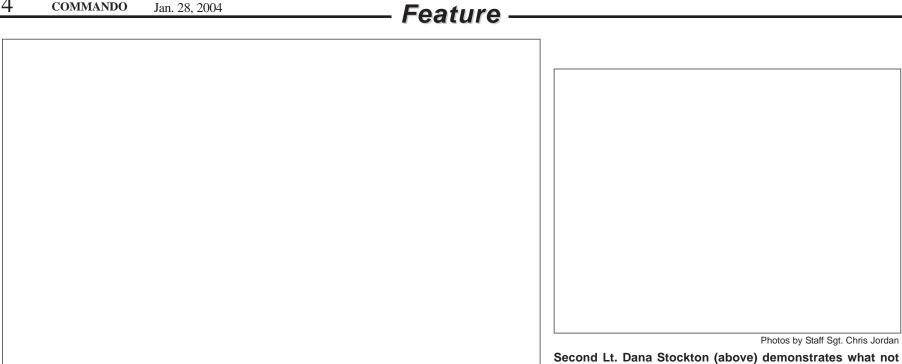


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Second Lt. Dana Stockton (above) demonstrates what not to do while working out at the Riptide Fitness Center. Airman Cecilia Lopez (left), 16th Services Squadron, wipes down cardiovascular equipment at the Riptide Fitness Center.

Riptide Fitness Center workout rules

- ■A 30-minute time limit is requested on cardio equipment when others are waiting.
- ■No "resting" on equipment between sets. Allow others to work-in.
 - Comply with posted limits on equipment.
- New members are recommended to receive an equipment orientation prior to use.
- Help someone who is having difficulty with a piece of equipment.
- ■If someone is injured or in distress, alert staff and ask if you can assist.
 - ■Wipe off equipment after use.
 - ■Avoid abusive and profane language.
- ■Members should request a staff member to change the radio or TV station.
 - ■Use equipment the way it's intended.
- Return all equipment, weights, towels, and magazines to their proper place after use.
- ■T-shirts, shorts, and sweatpants are considered appropriate workout attire. Jeans and uniforms are not.
 - ■Proper athletic shoes are required in all areas.

Hurlburt Field fitness centers

Aderholt Fitness Center: 884-6884 Hours: Weekdays from 5 to 1 a.m., weekends and holidays: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Commando Fitness and Wellness Center: 884-4412 Hours: Weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.;

closed weekends and holidays

Riptide Fitness Center: 881-5121

Hours: Weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

closed weekends and holidays

Don't sweat it: Gym etiquette 101

Courtesy of Public Affairs



Chiefs dominate 505th, 75-41

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan Public Affairs

The game almost never began as the 505th Command and Control Wing waited for their fifth player to show up at Tuesday's over-40 lunchtime basketball league game against the Chiefs. But, with seconds to spare, Anthony Graham hustled into the gym and the 505th CCW avoided a forfeit.

From the tip-off, the Chiefs overpowered and dominated the 505th CCW team.

> "We have a tall team," said Garren Medeiros of the Chiefs. "And with everyone being over 40, we're pretty quick, too."

> > The Chiefs took an

early 10-point lead with some quick passes inside for lay-ups.

The 505th CCW tried to counter with their own inside game, but just couldn't seem to get the ball to go in. Eric Coltrane of the 505th CCW had a frustrating game, as many of his shots just would not fall.

The closest the 505th CCW were to the Chiefs was with five minutes left in the game, down

The Chiefs then went on a 14-0 run to take the commanding lead and eventual victory.

The Chiefs' record is now 5-2, putting them in third place, while the 505th CCW fell to 4-4.

Skip Kellar (5) attempts to block a shot from a Chiefs player as Anthony Graham (31) and teammate Eric Coltrane look for the rebound.

"BK" Stover (43) attempts to score for the 505th CCW over the outstretched hand of Lynn Lawrence of the Chiefs.

No mercy for Hard Targets Hawks tie best team in league, 4-4

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Hawks roller hockey team took on the Hard Targets during a game at the Gulf Breeze roller rink Jan. 19.

A team known for invoking the mercy rule (10 goals up), Hard Targets were finally brought down by a staunch Hawks defensive effort.

"We shut them down with stellar defense, then matched their offensive effort goal for goal," said

John Hauser, Hurlburt Hawks coach.

"If there was anything that we need to think about, it's that we picked up two penalties."

Even though the Hawks played shorthanded, they were able to score once and keep the Hard Targets from scoring any goals.

Tanner Stippel led the Hawks, now 0-1-1, with two goals and one assist.

The next game will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, at the Gulf Breeze roller rink against the Brawlers.

Saturday's children's hockey game results



8 and under: Gulf Breeze defeated Hurlburt Field 10, 12 and 14 and under: Hurlburt Field defeated YMCA

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standings	W-L-Tie
Hard Targets	1 - 0 - 1
The Czechs	1 - 0 - 0
Whateva!	1 - 0 - 0
Brawlers	0 - 1 - 0
Chili Dogs	0 - 1 - 0
Hurlburt Hawks	0 - 1 - 1

Intramural basketball standings



Current as of Jan. 26

Team	W	L	Pct.
AFSOC	5	0	1.000
AMXS B	5	0	1.000
MDG	4	0	1.000
OSS	4	0	1.000
AMXS Y	4	0	1.000
CES	4	1	.800
EMS	3	1	.750
LRS 2	3	2	.600
HMXS	3	2	.600
505th CCW	3	3	.500
16th SOS	1	1	.500
SVS	2	3	.400
MSS	2	3	.400
SFS	2	4	.333
LRS 1	1	3	.250
COMM	1	4	.200
CMS	1	4	.200
AMMO	1	4	.200
USCG	0	3	.000
RHS	0	5	.000
CPTS	0	5	.000



Men s softball

Tryouts for the 2005 Hurlburt Field men's varsity softball team begins Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at the main softball fields behind the Aderholt Fitness Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Chuck Shepherd at 884-5774 or Senior Master Sgt. Scott Bowen at 884-5802.

Boys baseball

Tryouts for the 11-year-old Traveling Raiders will be held at the Navarre Youth Sports Facility field nine Saturday. Warmup and registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and tryouts at 10 a.m. For more information, call Randy Brazelton at 939-7591 or Roy Terry at 240-2452.

Swim lessons

Youth swim lesson registration is open by phone or in person at the base pool. Classes start Tuesday. The two-week sessions include level 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes. Classes will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$35. For more information call 884-6866.

Fit Eagle Competition

The 15th annual Fit Eagle Competition will be held at the Aderholt Fitness Center Feb. 18 at 7 a.m. Letters of intent for the squadron-versus-squadron event are due by Feb. 7 at noon. Events include a 5K run, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, tug-of-war and a team-building "mystery" challenge. For more information, contact your unit's sports representatives or call Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa at 884-4412.

Golf tournament

The "Match Play" leader board tournament starts Feb. 5; sign-up by Feb. 3. The tournament fee for this double-elimination tournament is \$25 per person. Hurlburt members, Eglin Air Force Base members, and non-members will also pay their normal green fees.

A verified GHIN handicap is required. Participants will arrange dates and times for their matches. Tournament will be grouped by handicap and 90 percent of the current handicap will be used for each match. Points and prizes will be awarded for the top three places in the tournament and for each flight. For details, call Gator Lakes Golf Course at 881-2251.